NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE REPORT <u>ANALYSIS OF THE RECREATION</u> <u>USE OF SPRING CREEK</u> AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is announcing the availability of the draft report <u>Analysis of the Recreation Use of Spring Creek</u> and the opportunity for public comment.

Due to a citizen request, in June 2013, the department conducted a Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) for the recreation uses on Spring Creek, from its headwaters to Sheridan Lake in Pennington County. The draft report contains information collected during the UAA, the Spring Creek Total Maximum Daily Load Assessment and Implementation Projects, and data collected by the United States Geological Survey.

The department is providing a public participation process in which the members of the general public, affected organizations, and other interested parties may review and comment on the content of the draft report. A copy of the draft report is available on the department's website at: http://denr.sd.gov/des/sw/publicnotices/SpringCreekRev1.pdf.

All comments should be submitted by emailing <u>Shannon.Minerich@state.sd.us</u> or mailing to the address below. The department must receive all comments by December 16, 2013.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the department will prepare a written response to each comment received and post the responses on the department website. The department may also mail or email a copy of the department's responses if requested.

The department will finalize the report after consideration of the comments received during the public participation process. Any changes to beneficial use designations will be incorporated into the department's next triennial review of Surface Water Quality Standards.

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